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Validity Study of NIE 22-56:

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The conclusions of NIE 22-56 for the most part remain valid; some were projected over the longer run and their validity has not been fully tested. Warnings were given regarding future economic difficulties, but the present financial problem developed in a manner which was not specifically foreseen. The NIE correctly stated that an Algerian settlement was unlikely in the near future, and that the French pacification effort could be continued for some time; the longer-range prediction of a trend toward a settlement "during the next several years" still appears valid.

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